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April 9, 1993

Mr. William A. Boehly
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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Dear Mr. Boehly:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573.

Name of manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc.

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. assumes responsibility for
administration.

Manufacturer's Agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description and date of manufacture</u>
Honda Accord	All 1990, 1991 and 1992 model years, and 1993 model years within the VIN ranges of:
4-Door Sedan	
<i>Japan</i>	JHMCB755*LC000157 to JHMCB768*PC004162
<i>U.S. Marysville</i>	1HGCB765*LA000087 to 1HGCB765*PA028022
<i>U.S. East Liberty</i>	1HCCB765*ML000006 to 1HGCB765*NL022327
	Dates of manufacture:
<i>Japan</i>	June 13, 1989 to July 15, 1992
<i>U.S. Marysville</i>	August 29, 1989 to October 20, 1992
<i>U.S. East Liberty</i>	June 27, 1991 to August 11, 1992

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Honda Accord 2-Door Coupe U.S. Marysville	All 1990, 1991 and 1992 model years, and 1993 model years within the VIN ranges of: 1HGCB726*LA000054 to 1HGCB717*PA004096 Dates of manufacture: October 17, 1989 to November 2, 1992
Honda Accord Wagon U.S. Marysville	All 1991 and 1992 model years, and 1993 model years within the VIN ranges of: 1HGCB985*MA000087 to 1HGCB985*PA001669 Dates of manufacture: November 6, 1990 to November 3, 1992

Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 1,272,844

Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the noncompliance: 100%

Noncompliance description:

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Determination of noncompliance:

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Corrective measures taken:

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Honda will recall and replace the sensor in the rear seat belt retractor of 1991, 1992 and early production 1993 Accord station wagons free of charge.

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Japan
U.S. Marysville
U.S. East Liberty

JHMCB755*LC000157 to JHMCB768*PC004162
1HGCB765*LA000087 to 1HGCB765*PA028022
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Dear Mr. Willen:

This acknowledges receipt of your Noncompliance Information Report on the motor vehicles described below under "Recall Campaign Information," submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

NHTSA Recall Campaign ID Number: 93V-056
(Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.)

NHTSA Contact: Jonathan D. White, Chief
Technical Analysis Branch

Telephone: (202) 366-5227
Fax: (202) 366-7882

Date of Letter: April 9, 1993

Number of Vehicles Recalled: 1,272,844 vehicles; 1990 through early production 1993 Honda Accord 4-door sedans manufactured from June 13, 1989, through October 20, 1992; 1990 through 1993 Honda Accord 2-door coupe vehicles manufactured from October 17, 1989, through November 2, 1992; and 1991 through 1993 Honda Accord wagons manufactured from November 6, 1990, through November 3, 1992.

Noncompliance: The safety belt assemblies fitted on the rear outside seating positions may lock up at angles other than those angles required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

CONCURRENCES	
RTG SYMBOL	NE7-11
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Recall Campaign ID Number 93V-056.001 is being assigned for the 1991 through 1993 Honda Accord wagons in which Honda will provide owner/dealer notifications for replacement of the sensor in the rear seat belt retractor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS PORTION ONLY:

In order for us to complete our file on this matter, please provide the following additional information:

1. Under Part 573.5(c)(8), we request that Honda identify and describe how the remedial program will be conducted. It is otherwise assumed that this recall shall begin nationally, and uniformly, within 30 calendar days. We request that Honda provide a proposed schedule for the implementation of this recall. The schedule should include, but not be limited to, the date the manufacturer's news release to the media will be published, the date(s) of notification to distributors and dealers/retailers, and the date(s) of notification to purchasers. Identify the date on which parts necessary for remedy of this recall will be available. The schedule must also include an explanation for any delay in the implementation of this recall.
2. Identify the number of 1991 through 1993 Honda Accord wagon vehicles involved in this portion of the recall campaign.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes on page 1 of this letter, to this office **by June 7, 1993.**

Honda is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

In addition, the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall will be a part of that listing.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

Notification to purchasers should begin as soon as possible. A draft copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by telefax (fax: 202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing. A final copy of all the notification documents must be submitted to this office within 5 working days after the documents are first sent to purchasers and dealers as required in Part 573.5(c)(9).

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS

Quarterly reports are due for the first 6 consecutive quarters once owner notification has begun. In the case where the recall appears to be completed, quarterly reporting is required until your company is notified otherwise by this office. The first quarterly status report for this campaign, as required in Part 573.6, is required to be submitted within 25 working days after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers begins**. For instance, the current calendar quarter ends on June 30, 1993, and the first quarterly report for recalls where owner notification begins in this quarter is due by August 5, 1993.

For the first quarterly report, we request that Honda identify, separately, the number of vehicles which were returned or otherwise remedied prior to sale.

Recall Campaign ID Number 93V-056.002 is being assigned to the portion of this recall in which Honda is petitioning the agency for a Determination of Inconsequential Noncompliance.

Since Honda has petitioned the agency for a determination that this particular recall matter is inconsequential with respect to motor vehicle safety, Honda is not obligated to conduct an owner notification and remedy campaign pending resolution of the petition.

As of this date, it is our understanding that those vehicles currently produced are in full compliance with FMVSS No. 209.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS PORTION ONLY:

Identify the total number of 1990 through 1993 Honda Accord 4-door and 2-door vehicles involved in this portion of the recall campaign.

Also provide this information to this office by **June 7, 1993**.

This recall will be provided to the agency's Auto Safety Hotline. However, a paragraph has been added advising consumers that Honda has petitioned the agency for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential with respect to motor vehicle safety.

Sincerely,



James P. Talentino, Chief
Defect Identification Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

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RE: 1991-93 ACCORD WAGON REAR SEAT BELT RECALL - 93V-056.001
1990-93 ACCORD COUPE/SEDAN REAR SEAT BELT PETITION FOR INCONSEQUENT
NONCOMPLIANCE - 93V-056.002

Dear Mr. Talentino:

In accordance with our recall campaign of certain 1991-1993 Accord wagon automobiles, of which you were informed in our April 9, 1993 letter, we are submitting copies of the dealer bulletin and the text of the customer letter. The bulletin was mailed to dealers April 16, 1993, and the customer letter was mailed April 23, 1993.

Also enclosed is the dealer bulletin and text of the customer letter regarding 1990-1993 Accord coupe/sedan rear seat belt product improvement campaign. This bulletin was mailed to dealers April 23, 1993, and the customer letter was mailed April 30, 1993.

In response to your request for additional information regarding 93V-056.001, our responses are as follows:

1. UNDER PART 573.5(c)(8), WE REQUEST THAT HONDA IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE HOW THE REMEDIAL PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED. IT IS OTHERWISE ASSUMED THAT THIS RECALL SHALL BEGIN NATIONALLY, AND UNIFORMLY, WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS. WE REQUEST THAT HONDA PROVIDE A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RECALL. THE SCHEDULE SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE DATE THE MANUFACTURER'S NEWS RELEASE TO THE MEDIA WILL BE PUBLISHED, THE DATE(S) OF NOTIFICATION TO DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS/RETAILERS, AND THE DATE(S) OF NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS. IDENTIFY THE DATE ON WHICH PARTS NECESSARY FOR REMEDY OF THIS RECALL WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE SCHEDULE MUST ALSO INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION FOR ANY DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RECALL.

Press release to media	April 12, 1993
Notification to dealers (service bulletin)	April 16, 1993
Notification to customers (owner letter)	April 23, 1993
Parts availability date	April 8, 1993

Mr. James P. Talentino

June 10, 1993

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2. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF 1991 THROUGH 1993 HONDA ACCORD WAGON VEHICLES INVOLVED IN THIS PORTION OF THE RECALL CAMPAIGN.

43,388

In response to your request for additional information regarding 93V-056.002, our responses are as follows:

1. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF 1990 THROUGH 1993 HONDA ACCORD 4-DOOR AND 2-DOOR VEHICLES INVOLVED IN THIS PORTION OF THE RECALL CAMPAIGN

1,229,427

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Model	Applicable To	File Under	Bulletin No.
1991-93 ACCORD WAGON	SEE VEHICLES AFFECTED	BODY	93-019
			Issue Date APRIL 16, 1993

RECALL: 1991-93 Accord Wagon Rear Seat Belt Retractor Sensor

BACKGROUND

The seat belt assemblies fitted on the rear outside seating positions may lock up at angles less than required by Sec. 4.3(j)(3) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209 "Seat Belt Assemblies."

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be notified by mail of this recall. Owners will be asked to contact their nearest Honda dealer for repairs. A copy of the customer letter is at the end of this service bulletin.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

1991-92: All

1993 with:

Blue Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB9... PA001569

Gray Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB9... PA001510

Wine Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB9... PA001669

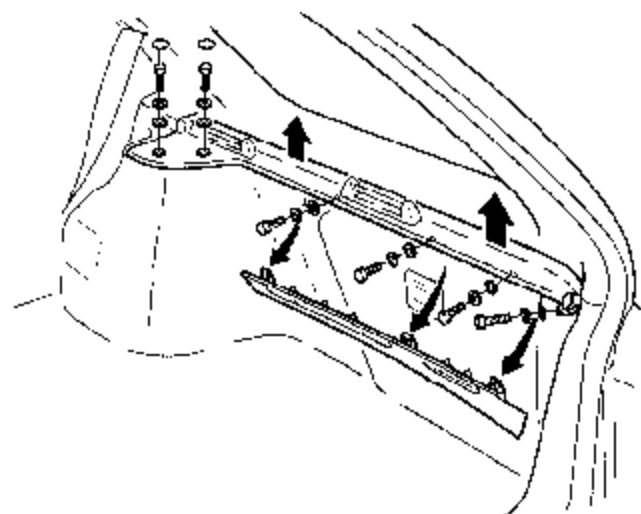
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CORRECTIVE ACTION

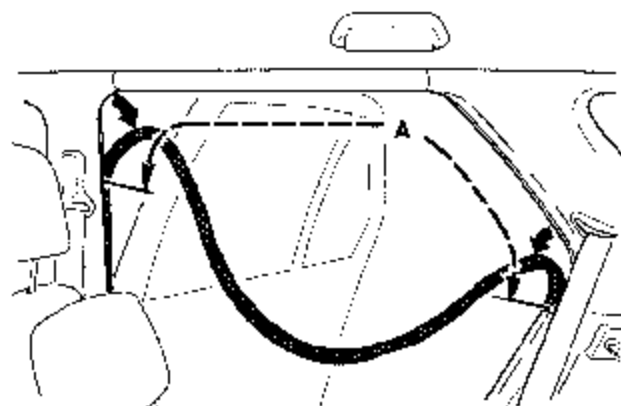
Replace both rear seat belt retractor sensors with the new sensors included in the kit listed under PARTS INFORMATION.

1. Remove the rear headrests. Pivot the rear seat cushions forward and fold the seat-backs down.
2. Remove the left and right grab rails (EX only). Remove the net hooks.

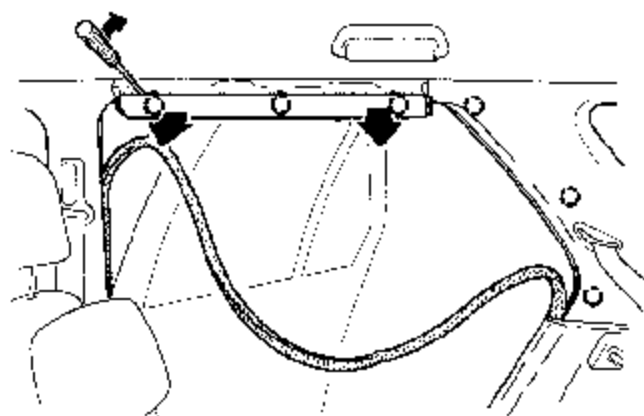
3. Remove the side rail trim (three clips). Remove six 6 mm bolts; then remove the side rail.



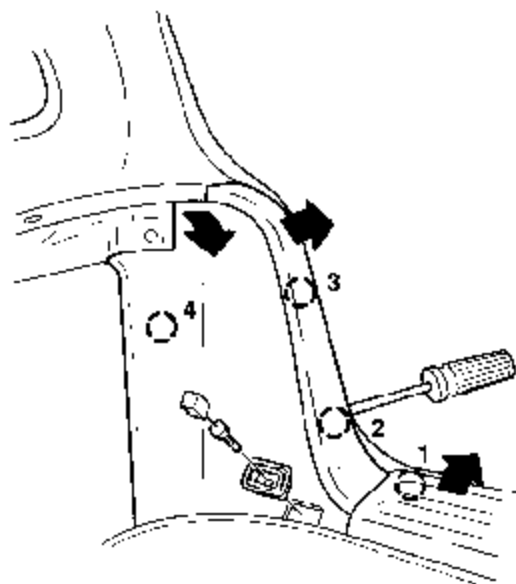
4. Remove the three screws holding the bottom of the rear quarter window trim panel. Do not attempt to remove the trim panel yet.
5. Remove the door opening seal in area "A" as shown below.



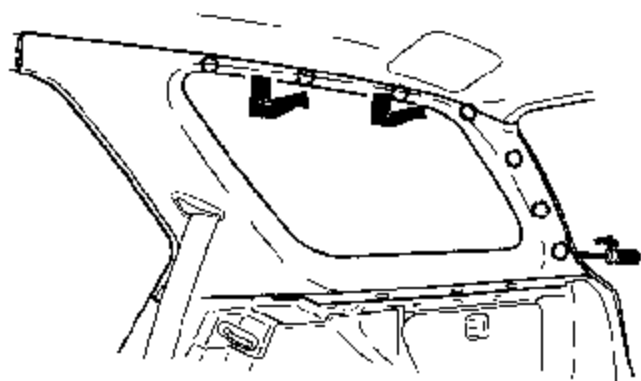
6. Loosen the six clips; then remove the rear roof side trim.



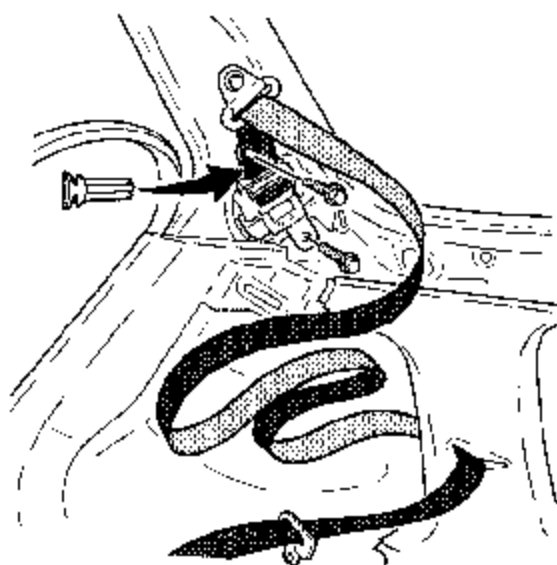
7. Loosen the clips on the outside edges of the rear trim panel. Loosen the clips on the rear corner trim. Remove the rear tie-down hooks.



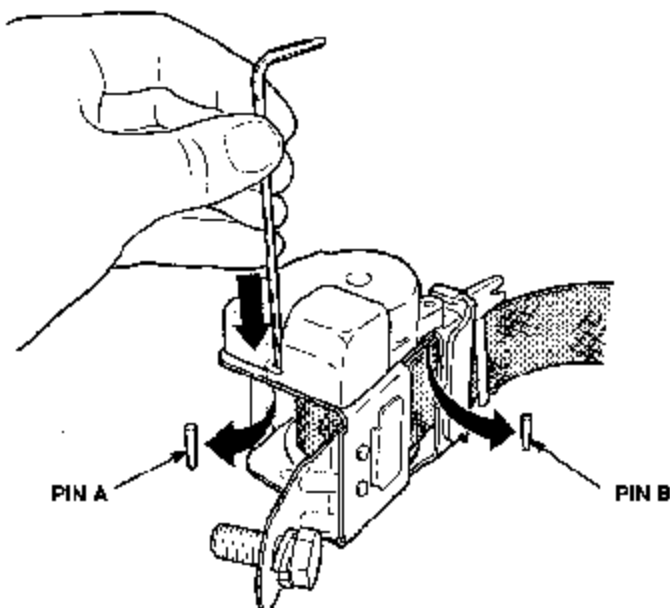
8. Starting at the rear, loosen the clips holding the quarter window trim panel.



9. Remove the quarter window trim panel by holding it along the front edge and pulling it down and out. After removing, verify that all the clips are still attached to the trim panel.
10. Pull the seat belt fully out of the retractor. Hold it in the unretracted position by installing the clamp (from the kit) across the webbing.
11. Remove the two retractor assembly mounting bolts.



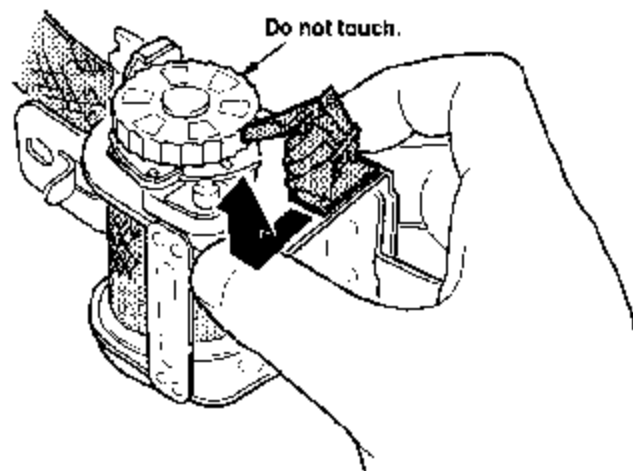
12. Place the retractor assembly on a flat surface with the blue cover facing up. Use a small allen wrench to push pins A and B through the cover. Locate the pins and discard them. Do not leave the pins in the retractor, they could affect its operation.



13. Lift the cover off the retractor assembly.

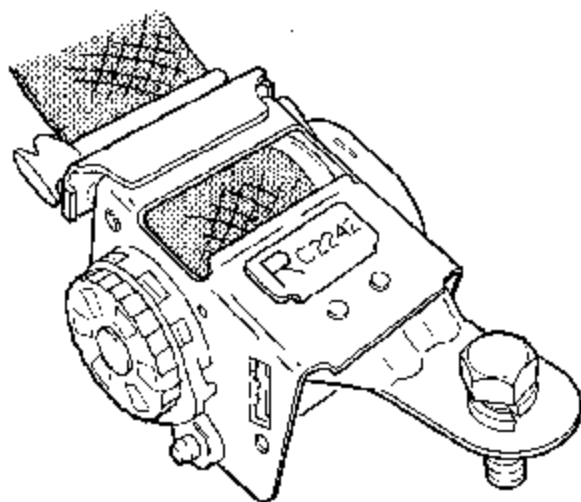
NOTICE Do not use a screwdriver or other pointed object to pry the cover off. You could damage the mechanical parts underneath.

14. Slide the sensor unit to the left to unlatch it from the retractor body. Lift it straight up. Do not touch the flywheel gear.

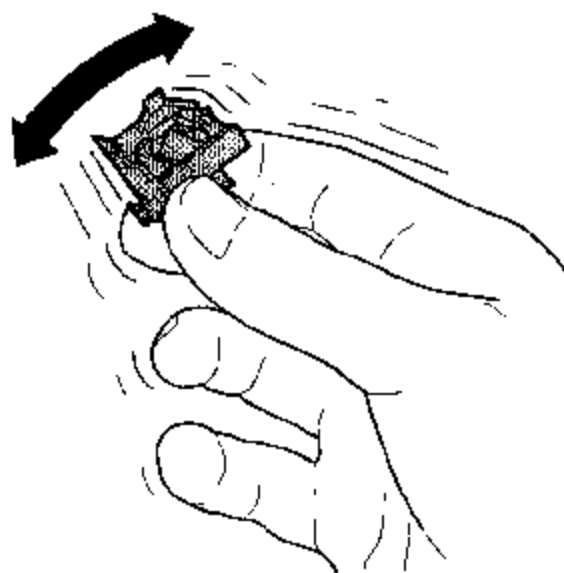


15. Look for the R or L stamped on the retractor assembly to verify that it is right or left. Match this with the color code of the replacement sensor assembly.

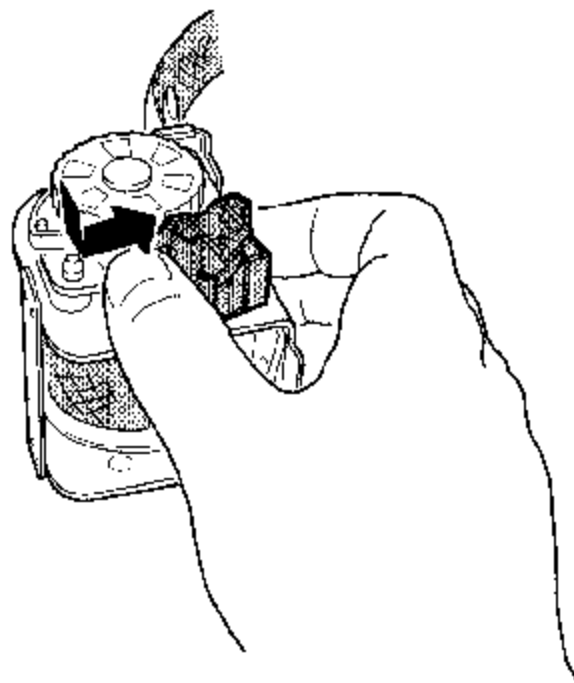
NOTICE Check the color code carefully. The retractor will not work properly if the wrong sensor is installed.



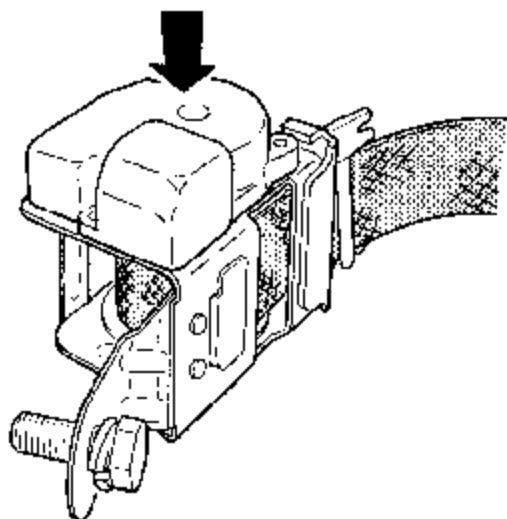
16. Shake the new sensor unit gently. Make sure the actuator and weight move freely. Do not touch the actuator or the weight.



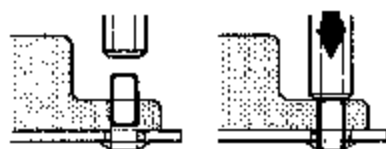
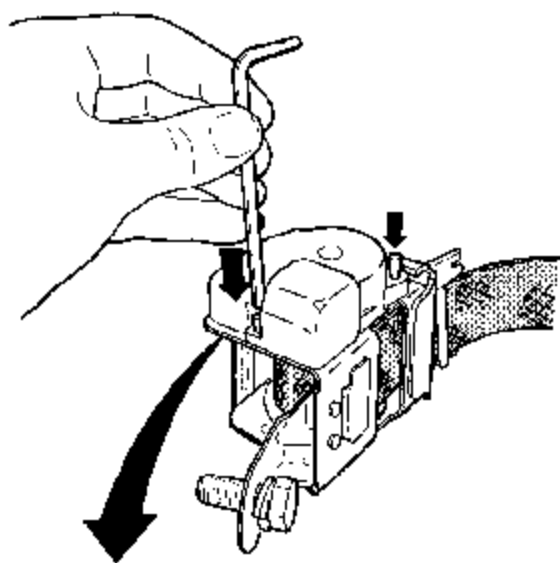
17. Place the new sensor in the slot in the retractor assembly. Slide it to the right to lock it in place. Make sure the sensor is against the end of the slot.



18. Set the new cover in place on the retractor assembly. Align the pins on the cover with the holes in the retractor; then push the cover down to set it in place. Make sure all sides of the cover are seated against the retractor.

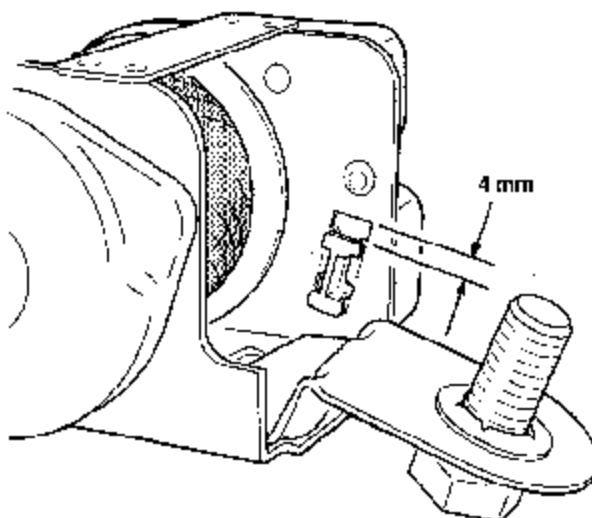


19. Use a 6 mm allen wrench to push down pins A and B and lock the cover in place.

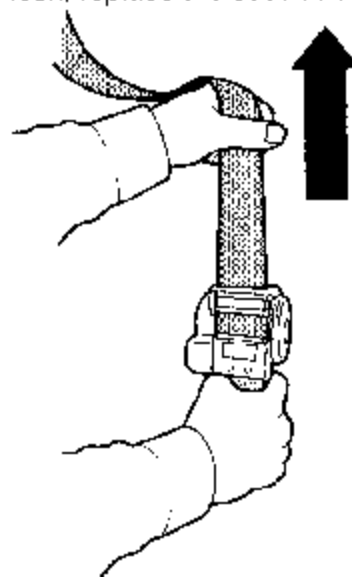


Push pins A and B until they are flush with the cover.

20. Measure the sensor unit gap. If it is less than 3.5 mm, slide the sensor unit into place with your finger. The gap should be as close to 4 mm as possible.



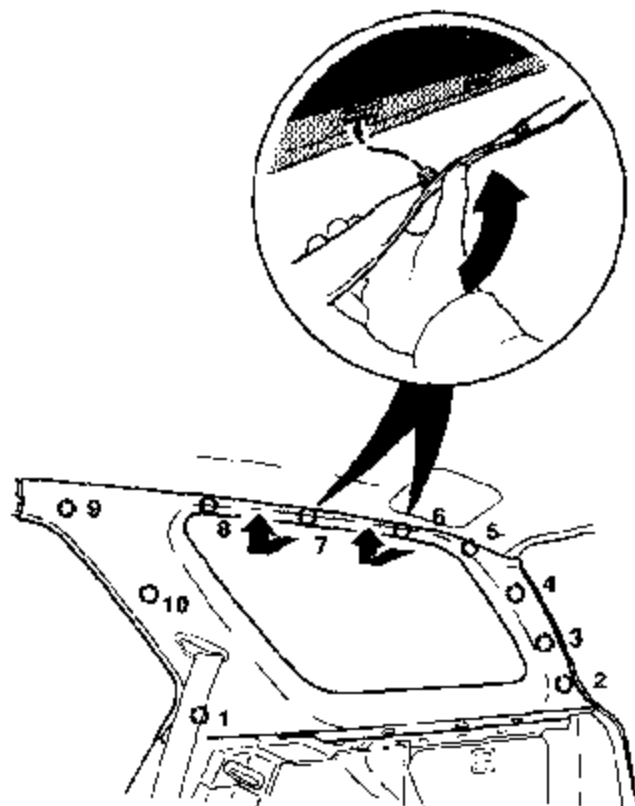
21. Remove the clamp from the seat belt. Allow the belt to slowly go back into the retractor. Make sure the webbing is not twisted.
22. Hold the retractor assembly vertically. Pull the belt out slowly and verify that it locks. If the belt fails to lock, replace the seat belt assembly.



23. Reinstall the retractor assembly to the C-pillar. Torque the 6 mm bolt to 10 N·m (1.0 kg-m, 7 lb-ft). Torque the 7/16 inch mounting bolt to 32 N·m (3.2 kg-m, 23 lb-ft).
24. Pull the seat belt out slowly and verify that it does not lock. If the belt locks, replace the seat belt assembly.
25. Repeat steps 3 through 24 on the other side.

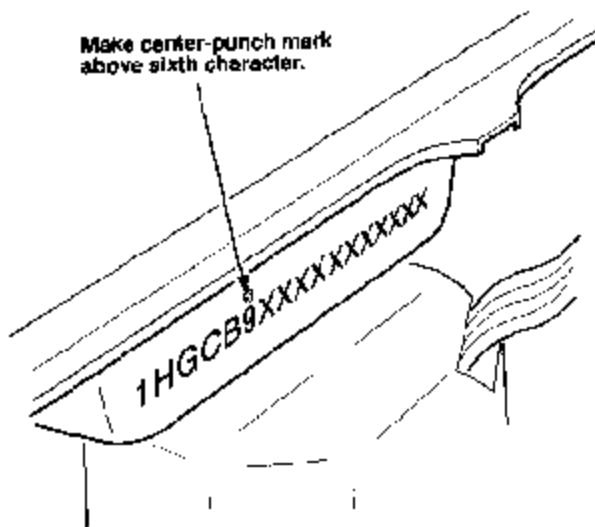
26. Reinstall the interior trim panels and headrests.

- Verify that all clips are connected to each trim piece before installing.
- To install the rear quarter window trim panel, seat clip 1 first. Seat clip 2 next followed by the remaining clips.
- To seat clips 6 and 7, slightly twist the upper section of the trim panel.



27. Center-punch a completion mark above the sixth digit of the engine compartment VIN.

Make center-punch mark
above sixth character.



PARTS INFORMATION

Seat Belt Retractor Sensor Kit:

P/N 06850-SM5-A00

H/C 4239976

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation number: 865120

Flat rate time: 1.6 hours (both sides)

Failed part: P/N 06850-SM5-A00

H/C 4239976

Defect code: 271

Contention code: J67

April 1993

Recall: Accord Wagon Rear Seat Belt Retractor Sensor

Dear Accord Wagon Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has determined that the seat belt assemblies in the rear outside seating positions do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Specifically, they may lock up at angles other than those angles required by Sec. 4.3 (j)(3) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209 "Seat Belt Assemblies." Our records indicate that you may own one of the affected vehicles.

If you park on an incline, one or both of the seat belt retractors in the rear outside seating positions may lock. If this happens, your rear seat passengers will not be able to put on their seat belts. When you move the car to level ground, the retractors will unlock so your passengers can put on their seat belts.

This is the only circumstance in which they do not comply. In all other respects, your car's seat belts comply with U.S. government safety standards: they provide a high level performance and effectiveness. Your passengers should wear their seat belts at all times for maximum safety.

Please call your Honda dealer to arrange for repair of your wagon's rear seat belt assemblies. *This work will be done free of charge.* Please plan to leave your car at the dealer for at least half a day to allow him flexibility in scheduling.

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Consumer Affairs
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA, 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the non-compliance in your car, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393 (residents of Washington, D.C. should call 366-0123).

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

Model	Applicable To	File Under	Bulletin No.
1990 - 93 ACCORD	See VEHICLES AFFECTED	BODY	93-020
			Issue Date APRIL 23, 1993

Product Improvement Campaign: Rear Seat Belt Retractor Sensor

BACKGROUND

The seat belt assemblies fitted on the rear outside seating positions may lock up when the car is parked at a steep angle.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be notified by mail that improved parts are now available. A copy of the customer letter is at the end of this service bulletin.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

1990 - 92: All
 1993 4-door
 Japan-built: thru VIN JHMCB7... PC004162
 Ohio-built with:
 Blue Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA015328
 Gray Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA028022
 Wine Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA013843
 Ivory Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA017856
 1993 2-door with:
 Blue Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA003799
 Gray Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA000200
 Wine Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA004096
 Ivory Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB7... PA000478

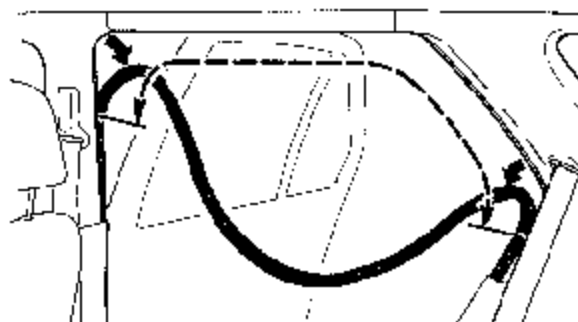
CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace both rear seat belt retractor sensors with the new sensors included in the kit listed under PARTS INFORMATION.

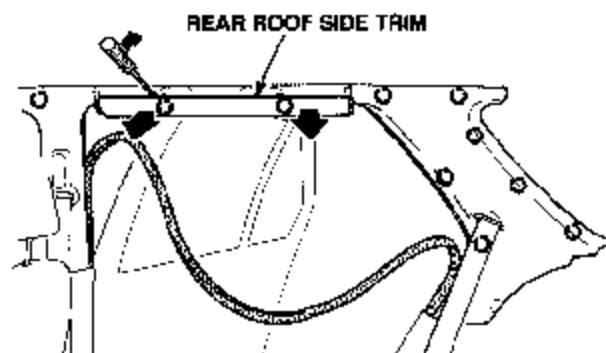
4-door Interior Removal

1. Remove the rear seat cushion mounting bolt. Remove the rear seat cushion.
2. Remove the left and right grab rails (EX only).

3. Remove the seat-back side cushion mounting bolt. Remove the seat-back side cushion by sliding it upward.
4. Fold the rear seat-back forward.
5. Remove the screw from the rear pillar trim panel. Remove the top screw from the side seal trim.
6. Remove the door opening seal in the area shown.



7. Loosen the six clips; then remove the rear roof side trim.

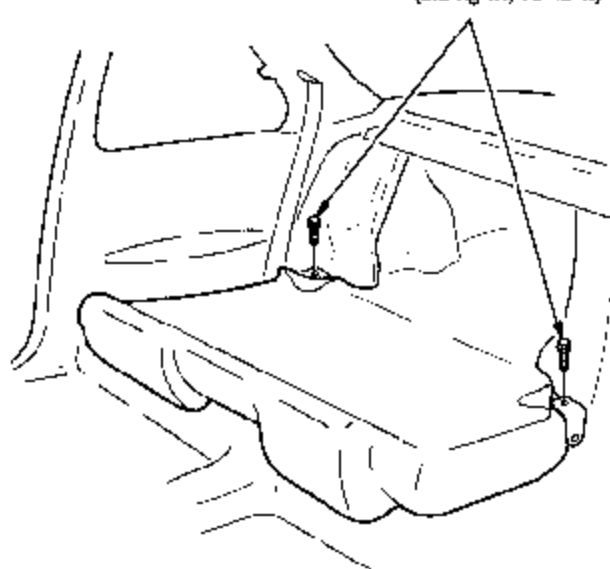


8. Put your fingers behind the rear pillar trim panel. Pull out on the panel to loosen the clips. Slide the trim panel down the seat belt, out of your way.
9. Go to step 23.

2-door Interior Removal

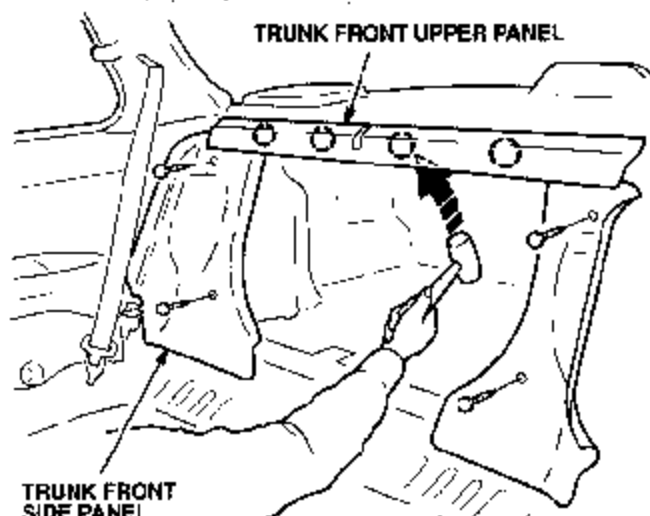
10. Move the front seats forward. Fold the seat-backs forward.
11. Remove the rear seat cushion mounting bolt. Remove the rear seat cushion.
12. Remove the left and right grab rails (EX only). Do not lose the spacer washers.
13. Open the trunk and fold the rear seat-back forward. Loosen the carpet from the trunk floor. Remove the two seat-back mounting bolts and remove the seat-back.
 - Do not place any weight on the seat-back while removing the mounting bolts.

22 N-m
(2.2 kg-m, 16 lb-ft)

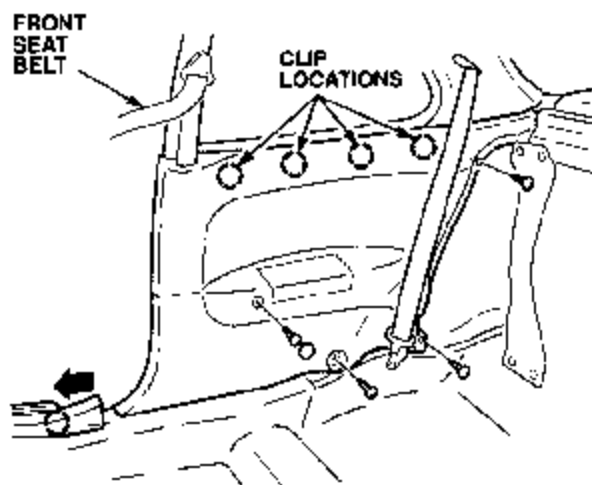


14. Loosen the trunk front upper panel by tapping the clips with a plastic hammer. Remove the panel.

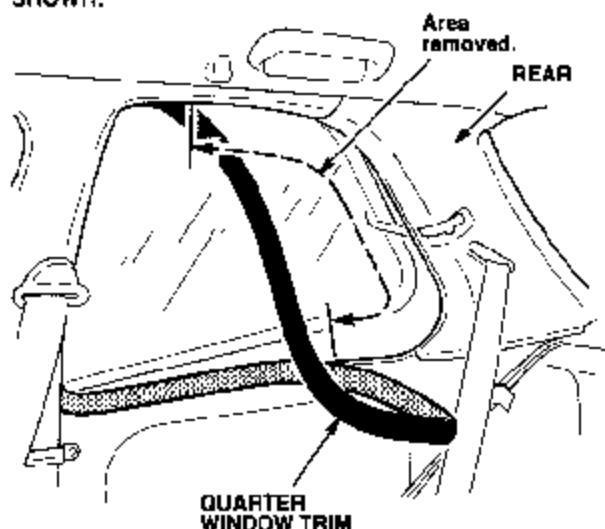
15. Use a trim removal tool to remove the trunk front side panel pins. Remove the side panel.



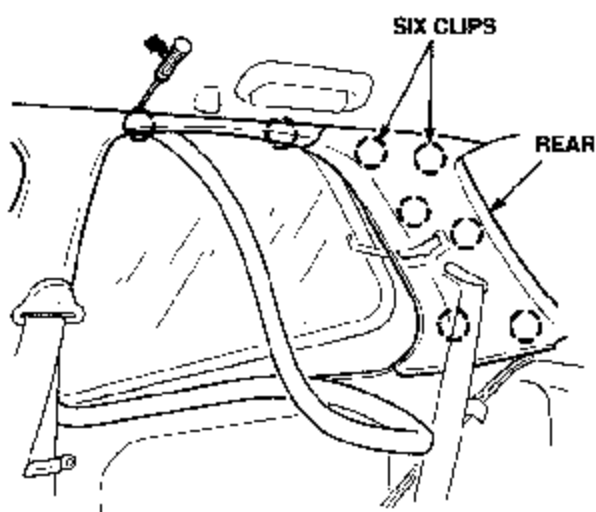
16. Remove the small round cap in the rear quarter trim panel arm rest. Remove the four screws holding the quarter panel.
17. Unlatch the rear window. Remove the cover; then remove the rear window latch mounting screws. Note the position of the latch on the screws for reinstallation.
18. Pull the front of the door sill molding up, and slide it forward to remove it.
19. Starting at the rear, gently pull the rear quarter trim panel outward to loosen the clips. Remove the trim panel by moving it forward and sliding it along the front seat belt.



20. Remove the quarter window trim in the area shown.



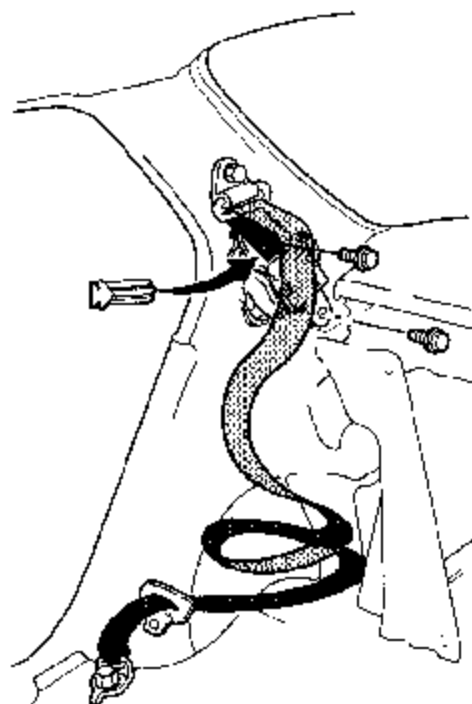
21. Loosen two clips on the window upper trim. Loosen six clips on the rear pillar trim panel. Remove the panel.



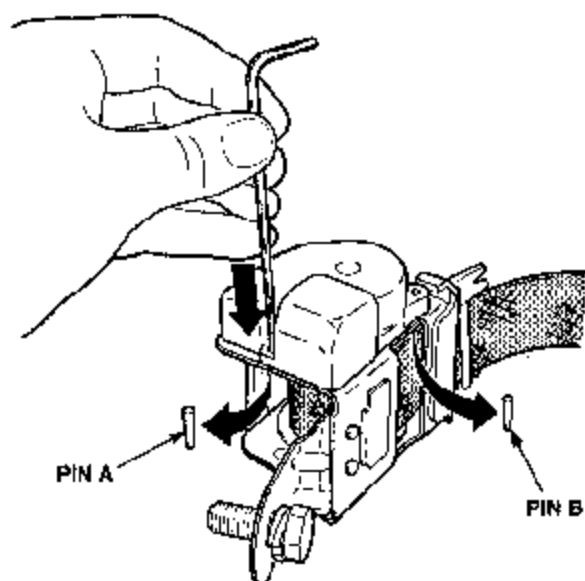
22. Go to step 23.

Sensor Replacement

23. Pull the seat belt fully out of the retractor. Hold it in the unreeled position by installing the clamp (from the kit) across the webbing.
24. Remove the two retractor assembly mounting bolts.



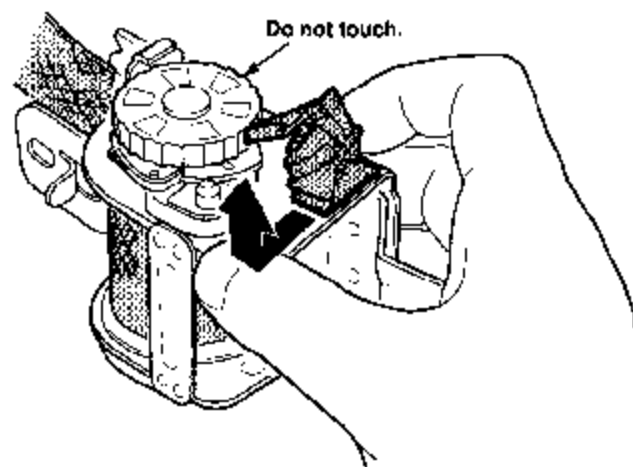
25. Place the retractor assembly on a flat surface with the blue cover facing up. Use a small allen wrench to push pins A and B through the cover. Locate the pins and discard them. Do not leave the pins in the retractor, they could affect its operation.



26. Lift the cover off the retractor assembly.

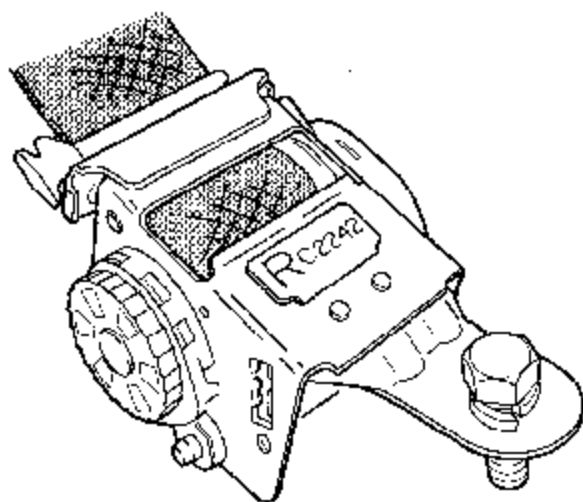
NOTICE Do not use a screwdriver or other pointed object to pry the cover off. You could damage the mechanical parts underneath.

27. Slide the sensor unit to the left to unlatch it from the retractor body. Lift it straight up. Do not touch the flywheel gear.



28. Look for the R or L stamped on the retractor assembly to verify that it is right or left. Match this with the color code of the replacement sensor assembly.

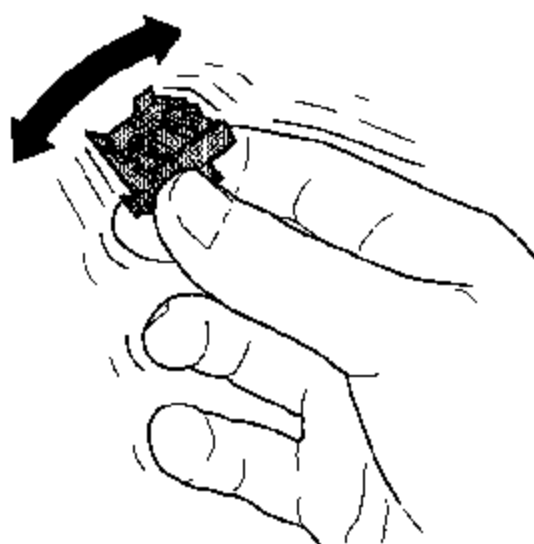
NOTICE Check the color code carefully. The retractor will not work properly if the wrong sensor is installed.



Sensor Housing

R	Red
L	Yellow

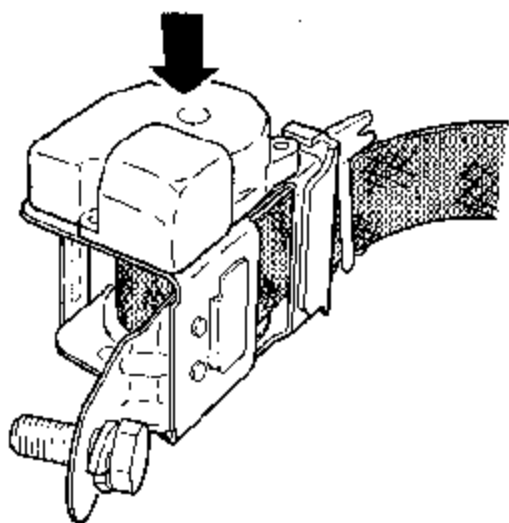
29. Shake the new sensor unit gently. Make sure the actuator and weight move freely. Do not touch the actuator or the weight.



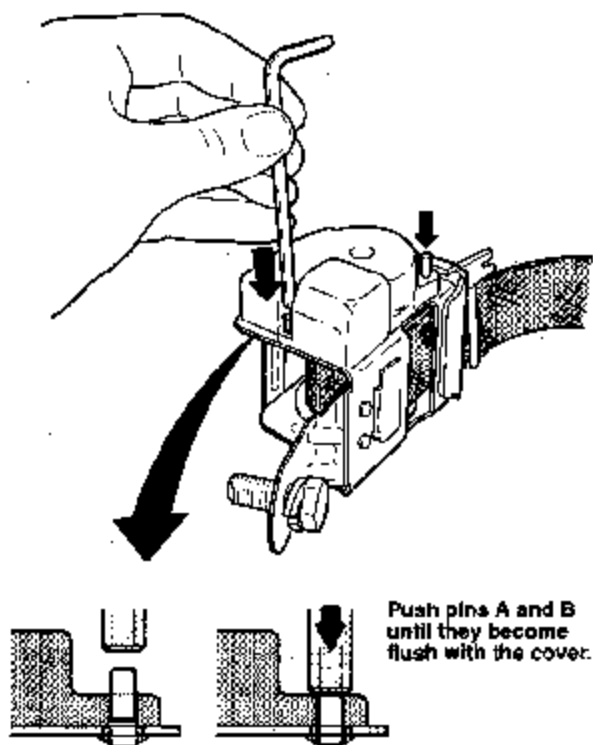
30. Place the new sensor in the slot in the retractor assembly. Slide it to the right to lock it in place. Make sure the sensor is against the end of the slot.



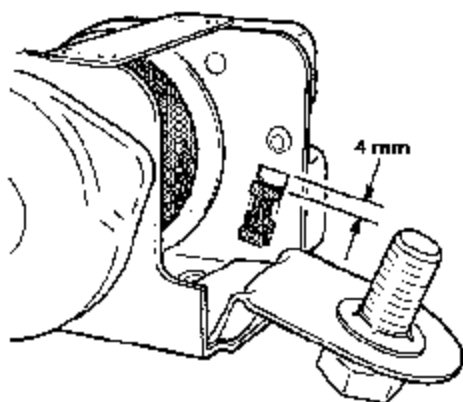
31. Set the new cover in place on the retractor assembly. Align the pins on the cover with the holes in the retractor; then push the cover down to set it in place. Make sure all sides of the cover are seated against the retractor.



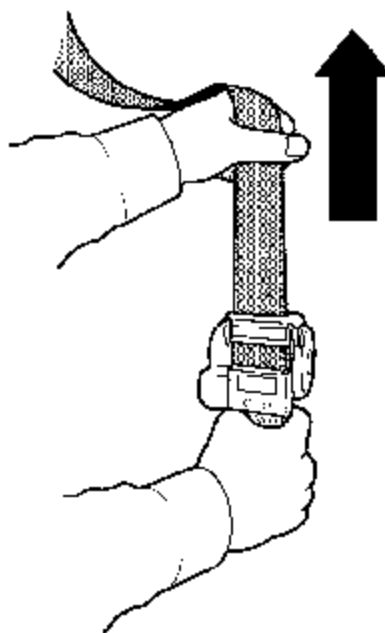
32. Use a 6 mm allen wrench to push down pins A and B and lock the cover in place.



33. Measure the sensor unit gap. If it is less than 3.5 mm, slide the sensor unit into place with your finger. The gap should be as close to 4 mm as possible.



34. Remove the clamp from the seat belt. Allow the belt to slowly go back into the retractor. Make sure the webbing is not twisted.
35. Hold the retractor assembly vertically. Pull the belt out slowly and verify that it locks. If the belt fails to lock, replace the seat belt assembly.

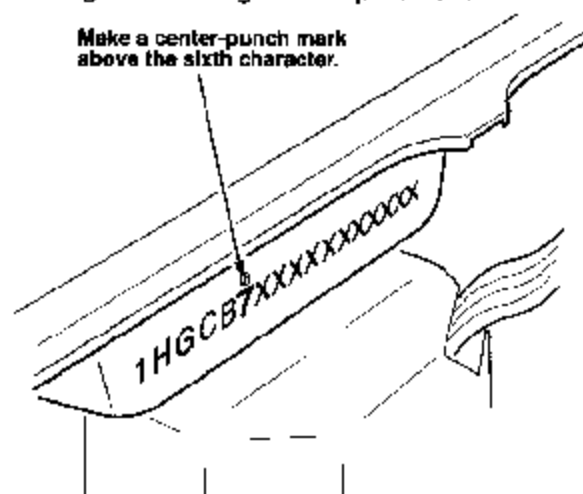


36. Reinstall the retractor assembly to the C-pillar. Torque the 6 mm bolt to 10 N-m (1.0 kg-m, 7 lb-ft). Torque the 7/16 inch mounting bolt to 32 N-m (3.2 kg-m, 23 lb-ft).
37. Pull the seat belt out slowly and verify that it does not lock. If the belt locks, replace the seat belt assembly.
38. Repeat the appropriate interior removal steps and the sensor replacement steps on the other side.

39. Reinstall the interior trim panels and seat.

- Verify that all clips are connected to each trim piece before installing.
- Make sure the quarter window trim on the 2-door is installed inside the rubber molding.
- On the 2-door, pull the seat belts through the slots in the seat cushion as you are installing it.

40. Center-punch a completion mark above the sixth digit of the engine compartment VIN.



PARTS INFORMATION

Seat Belt Retractor Sensor Kit:
P/N 06850-SM4-A00
H/C 4239968

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation number: 865110
Flat rate time:
4-door 1.0 hour (both sides)
2-door 1.2 hours (both sides)
Failed part: P/N 06850-SM4-A00
H/C 4239968
Defect code: 271
Contention code: J68

Text of the Customer Letter

April 1993

Dear Accord Owner:

American Honda is conducting a Product Improvement Campaign to help ensure that you are satisfied with your car.

You may have had a situation where your car's rear seat belts locked while the car was parked at an angle. Generally, this occurs when you park the car with one side sitting higher than the other (sideways on a steep hill, for example). If this happens, your rear seat passengers are not able to pull the belts out of the retractors so that they can put them on. The retractors will unlock when you move the car to level ground, then your passengers can put on their seat belts.

If your car has this condition, please call your Honda dealer. Parts are now available that reduce this tendency to lock. *This work will be done free of charge.* Although the installation takes approximately an hour, please plan to leave your car at the dealer all day to allow him flexibility in scheduling.

Your car's seat belts meet all other safety requirements and are effective when worn properly. If your car's seat belts should develop this, or any other, condition sometime in the future, please contact your Honda dealer. American Honda provides a lifetime limited warranty on all seat belt assemblies.

Please call your Honda Customer Relations Zone office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

Model	Applicable To	File Under	Bulletin No.
1991-93 ACCORD WAGON	SEE VEHICLES AFFECTED	BODY	93-019
			Issue Date JUNE 25, 1993

93V-056

RECALL: 1991-93 Accord Wagon Rear Seat Belt Retractor Sensor

(Supersedes 93-019, dated April 16, 1993)

BACKGROUND

The seat belt assemblies fitted on the rear outside seating positions may lock up at angles less than required by Sec. 4.3(j)(3) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209 "Seat Belt Assemblies."

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be notified by mail of this recall. Owners will be asked to contact their nearest Honda dealer for repairs. A copy of the customer letter is at the end of this service bulletin.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

1991-92: All

1993 with:

Blue Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB9... PA001569

Gray Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB9... PA001510

Wine Interior: thru VIN 1HGCB9... PA001669

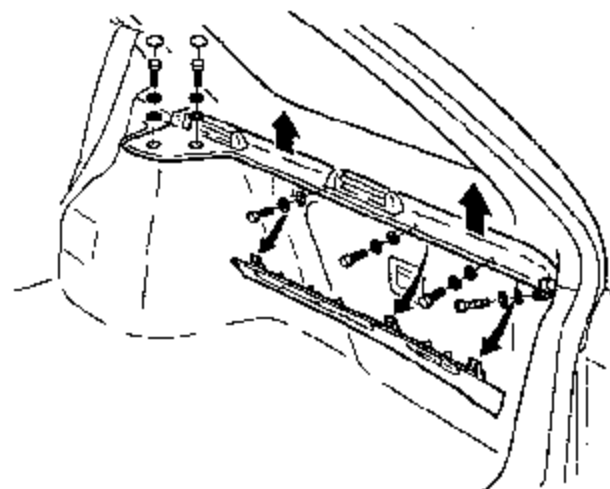
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CORRECTIVE ACTION

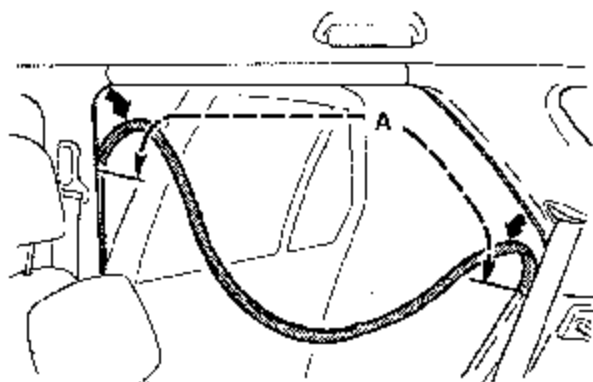
Replace both rear seat belt retractor sensors with the new sensors included in the kit listed under PARTS INFORMATION.

1. Remove the rear headrests. Pivot the rear seat cushions forward and fold the seat-backs down.
2. Remove the left and right grab rails (EX only). Remove the net hooks.

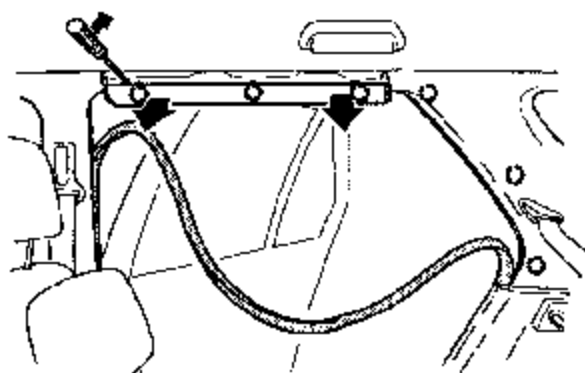
3. Remove the side rail trim (three clips). Remove six 6 mm bolts; then remove the side rail.



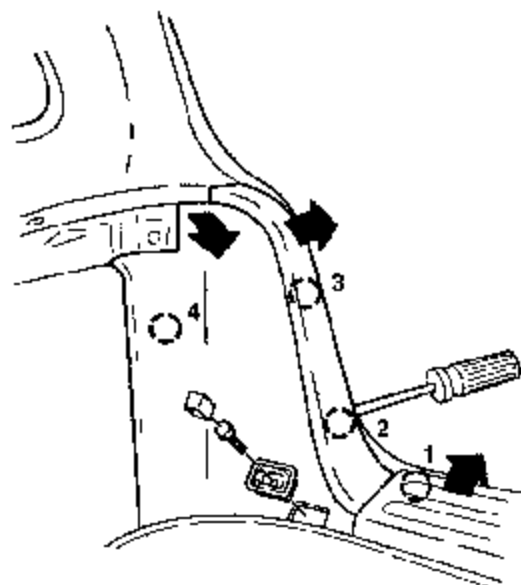
4. Remove the three screws holding the bottom of the rear quarter window trim panel. Do not attempt to remove the trim panel yet.
5. Remove the door opening seal in area "A" as shown below.



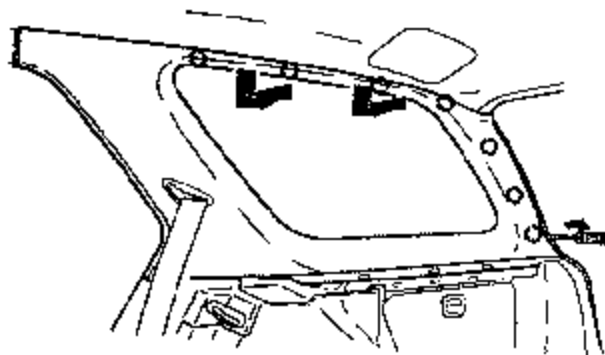
6. Loosen the six clips; then remove the rear roof side trim.



7. Loosen the clips on the outside edges of the rear trim panel. Loosen the clips on the rear corner trim. Remove the rear tie-down hooks.



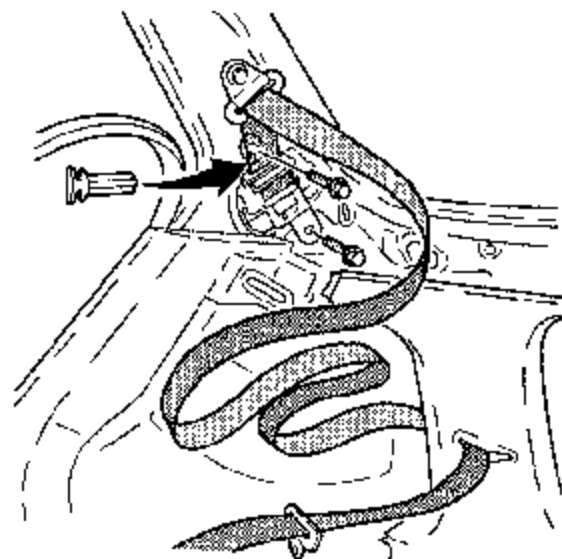
8. Starting at the rear, loosen the clips holding the quarter window trim panel.



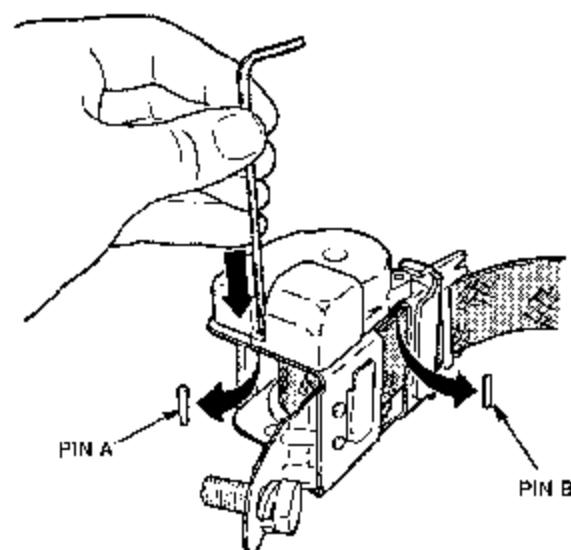
9. Remove the quarter window trim panel by holding it along the front edge and pulling it down and out. After removing, verify that all the clips are still attached to the trim panel. Inspect the seal closely; replace it if it is damaged (see PARTS INFORMATION).

10. Pull the seat belt fully out of the retractor. Hold it in the unreeled position by installing the clamp (from the kit) across the webbing.

11. Remove the two retractor assembly mounting bolts.



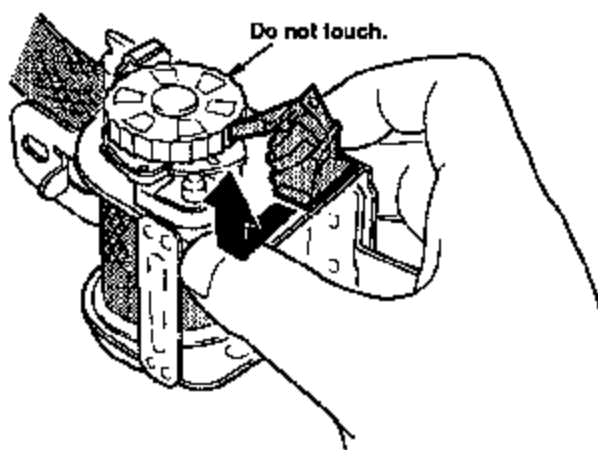
12. Place the retractor assembly on a flat surface with the blue cover facing up. Use a small allen wrench to push pins A and B through the cover. Locate the pins and discard them. Do not leave the pins in the retractor; they could affect its operation.



13. Lift the cover off the retractor assembly.

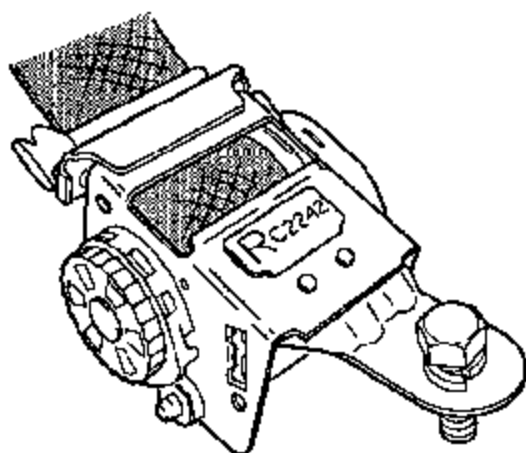
NOTICE Do not use a screwdriver or other pointed object to pry the cover off. You could damage the mechanical parts underneath.

14. Slide the sensor unit to the left to unlatch it from the retractor body. Lift it straight up. Do not touch the flywheel gear.



15. Look for the R or L stamped on the retractor assembly to verify that it is right or left. Match this with the color code of the replacement sensor assembly.

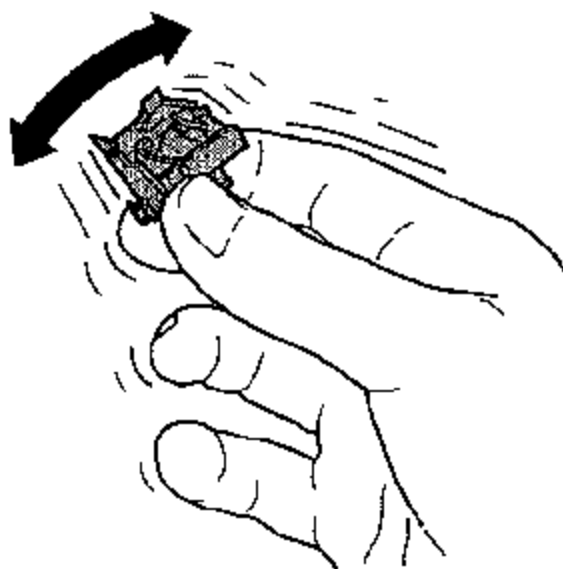
NOTICE Check the color code carefully. The retractor will not work properly if the wrong sensor is installed.



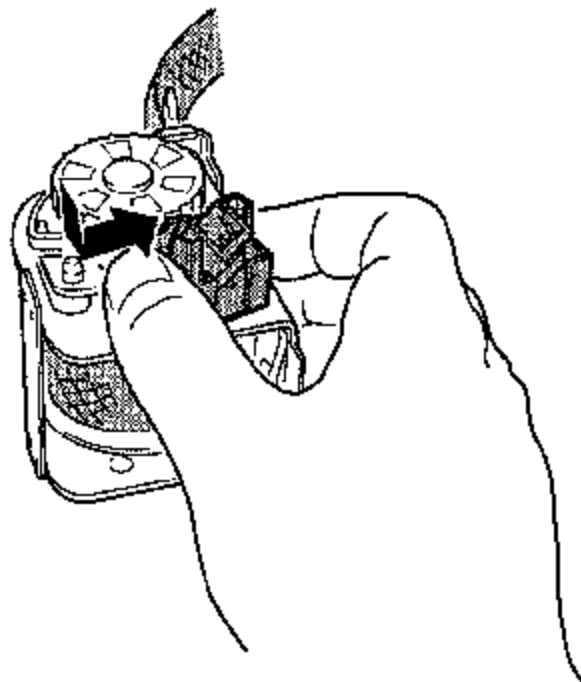
Sensor Housing

R	Green
L	Brown

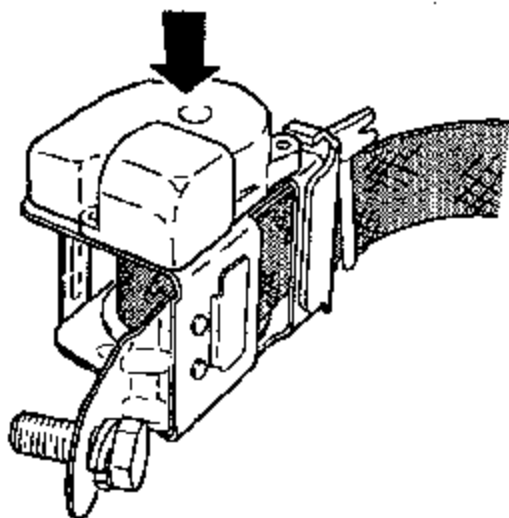
16. Shake the new sensor unit gently. Make sure the actuator and weight move freely. Do not touch the actuator or the weight.



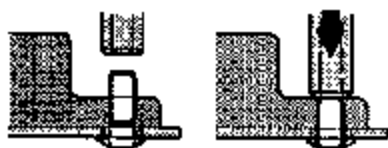
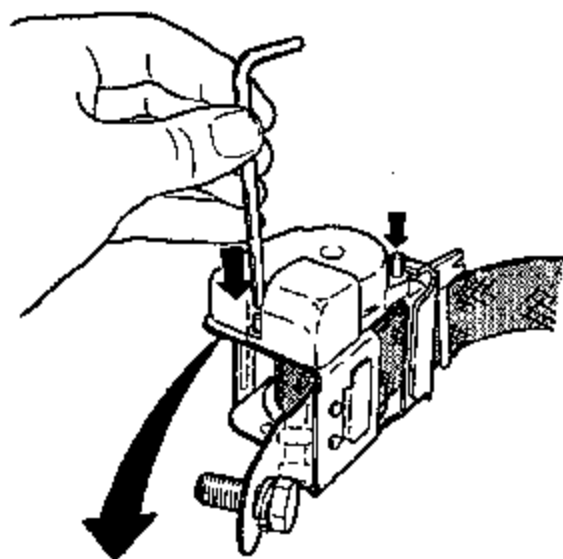
17. Place the new sensor in the slot in the retractor assembly. Slide it to the right to lock it in place. Make sure the sensor is against the end of the slot.



18. Set the new cover in place on the retractor assembly. Align the pins on the cover with the holes in the retractor; then push the cover down to set it in place. Make sure all sides of the cover are seated against the retractor.

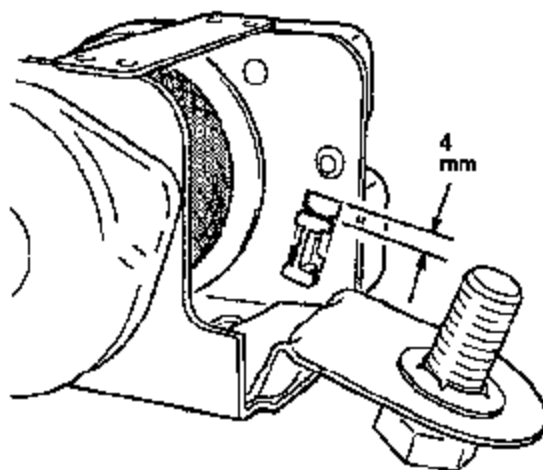


19. Use a 6 mm allen wrench to push down pins A and B and lock the cover in place.



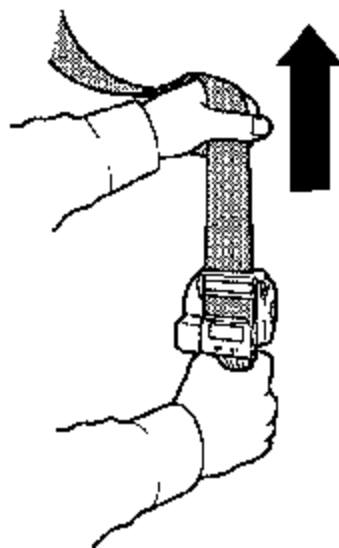
Push pins A and B until they are flush with the cover.

20. Measure the sensor unit gap. If it is less than 3.5 mm, slide the sensor unit into place with your finger. The gap should be as close to 4 mm as possible.



21. Remove the clamp from the seat belt. Allow the belt to slowly go back into the retractor. Make sure the webbing is not twisted.

22. Hold the retractor assembly vertically. Pull the belt out slowly and verify that it locks. If the belt fails to lock, replace the seat belt assembly.



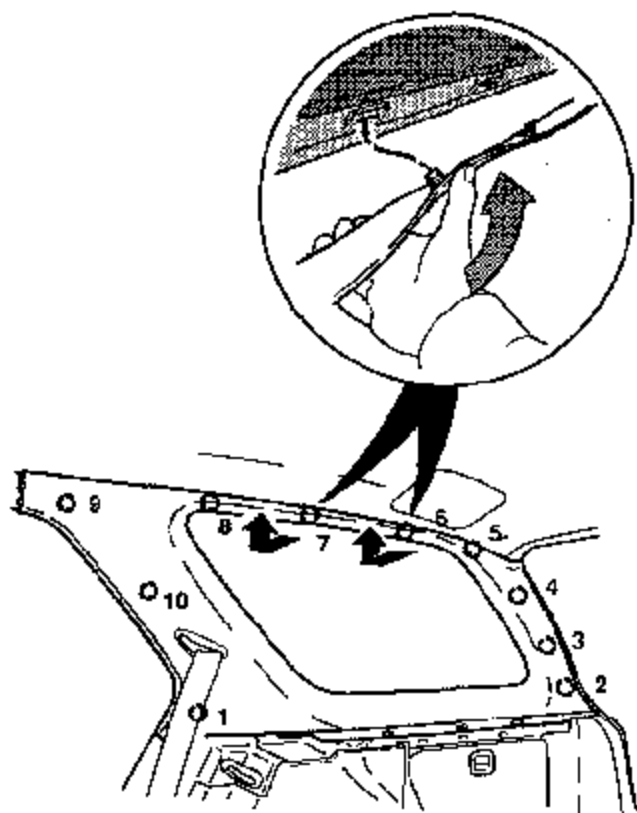
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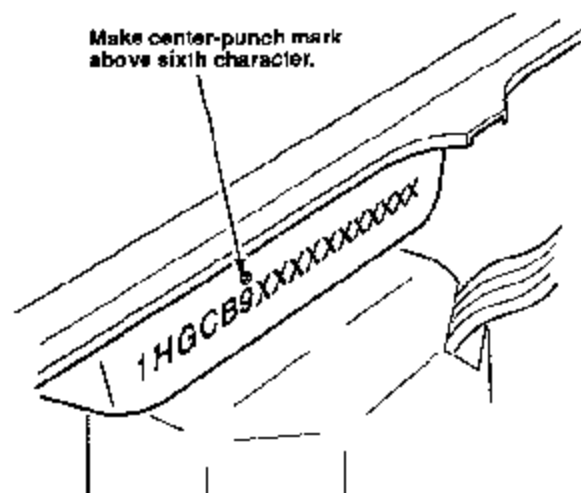
25. Repeat steps 3 through 24 on the other side.

26. Reinstall the interior trim panels and headrests.

- Verify that all clips are connected to each trim piece before installing.
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- To seat clips 6 and 7, slightly twist the upper section of the trim panel.



27. Center-punch a completion mark above the sixth digit of the engine compartment VIN.



PARTS INFORMATION

Seat Belt Retractor Sensor Kit:

P/N 06850-SM5-A00

H/C 4239976

Rear Quarter Window Seal:

P/N 84135-SM5-A00

H/C 4297206

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation number: 965120

Flat rate time: 1.6 hours (both sides)

Failed part: P/N 06850-SM5-A00

H/C 4239976

Defect code: 271

Contention code: J67

April 1993

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400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393 (residents of Washington, D.C. should call 366-0123).

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,
AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

1. Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems Act of 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, title VI, part B, 105 Stat. 2189 (December 18, 1991).

2. Department of Transportation, IVHS Strategic Plan-Report to Congress (Publication No. FHWA-SA-93-009, December 1992). Available from the FHWA (HTV-10), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2196.

3. Strategic Plan for Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems in the United States (May 20, 1992). Available from IVHS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Ave, SW., suite 600, Washington, DC 20024-2730, (202) 484-1847.

4. Video: IVHS Technologies for Transportation. Available from the FHWA (HTV-10), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2196, (23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: March 25, 1994.

Rodney E. Slater,
Federal Highway Administrator
(FR Doc. 94-7777 Filed 3-31-94; 8:45 am)
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 93-34; Notice 3]

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.; Appeal of Denial of Petition for Determination of Inconsequential Noncompliance

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (Honda) of Torrance, California has appealed a decision by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that denied Honda's petition that its noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209 be deemed inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Honda's appeal is published under 49 CFR 556.7 and 556.8 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the appeal.

Honda determined that some of its seat belt assemblies installed in its vehicles failed to comply with 49 CFR 571.209, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies," and filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573. Honda petitioned to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) on the basis that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

More specifically, Paragraph S4.3(j)(3) of Standard No. 209 requires that "an emergency locking retractor of a Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly * * * shall not lock, if the retractor is sensitive to

vehicle acceleration, when the retractor is rotated in any direction to any angle of 15 degrees or less from its orientation in the vehicle * * *". In its original petition, Honda stated that the retractors on some of its assemblies lock up when they are rotated to an angle of approximately ten degrees or more. The affected assemblies involve the rear outside seating positions on approximately 1.2 million model year 1990, 1991, and 1992, and early 1993 two-door and four-door Accords. When the vehicle in which the noncomplying belt is installed is in certain parking positions such as on a steep uphill grade, the rear seat occupants are sometimes unable to pull the belt out of the retractor, and thus cannot fasten their belts. The vehicle must be moved to a more level position for the rear seat occupant to be able to put on the seat belt. Notice of receipt of the petition was published in the Federal Register on May 21, 1993 (58 FR 29689). The reader is referred to that notice for further information.

On January 6, 1994, NHTSA published a notice in the Federal Register (59 FR 795), denying Honda's petition, stating that the petitioner had not met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. The reader is referred to that notice for a further discussion of the agency's rationale in denying Honda's petition.

On February 23, 1994, Honda submitted a request that the agency reconsider its decision to deny Honda's petition. Honda stated that it had failed to provide the agency with information which it believes will justify reconsideration of its petition. In its request Honda better defined what occurs in particular vehicle orientations. When a noncompliant vehicle is parked pointing downhill, the retractors fully comply with the standard. When a vehicle is parked pointing uphill, the retractors lock up at angles between 11 and 16 degrees, and thus do not comply with the requirement. When the vehicle is parked such that one side is substantially higher than the other, the retractor on the uphill side locks up at angles between seven and 11 degrees, a noncompliance with the requirement.

Response to NHTSA Points

The agency denied the Honda petition based on the following four reasons. Each is followed by Honda's response.

1. Complaints

NHTSA: The number of complaints received by Honda indicated that the noncompliance is not isolated or inconsequential.

Honda: Honda discussed two ways that it learns of customer concerns. The first is customer complaints. In its investigation of these complaints, one complaint was found. Furthermore, when this customer initially contacted Honda, it was about a different, unrelated problem. Only during the follow-up of the primary concern did the customer mention the dealer's satisfactory handling of the rear seat belt problem.

The second is to analyze the complaint rates derived from warranty data. Honda compared the complaint rates of the two noncompliant vehicle models with those of Honda Civic and Acura Legend 4 door sedan models which are fully compliant with FMVSS No. 209. In this comparison, Honda found that there was no significant statistical difference between the claim rates. Warranty claims were received for 0.03 to 0.05 percent of both the noncompliant and compliant vehicles.

2. Product Improvement Campaign

NHTSA: The number of complaints was sufficient to cause Honda to initiate a Product Improvement Campaign on the Accord sedan and coupe.

Honda: Product Improvement Campaigns are intended to maintain customer satisfaction. Because Honda recalled the Accord station wagon to correct this noncompliance with Standard No. 209, it initiated this Product Improvement Campaign * * * to clarify the situation and prevent unnecessary concern—not because there were numerous complaints."

3. Discouragement of Seat Belt Use

NHTSA: The noncompliance could discourage seat belt use.

Honda: Honda stated that because customer complaints are nearly nonexistent and the warranty rate for rear seat belts installed in the noncompliant vehicles is essentially the same as the rate for other comparable complying models, * * * combined with the rarity of actual parking situations in which a consumer would experience the steep angles required for lock-up, indicates that actual failures are insignificant. In addition, because Honda provides a lifetime warranty on its seat belts, it believes this would also reduce the possibility that an individual would discontinue seat belt use due to a failure. Finally, Honda has made recent improvements to its seats belts such as reducing belt tension for comfort, making the outer edges of the belt webbing softer, and treating the webbing with anti-static treatment to reduce dirt and dust attraction. It

believes this will also help to increase belt use.

4. Problems Associated With Installing Child Safety Seats

NHTSA: The noncompliance could present problems to parents attempting to install a child safety seat.

Honda: Honda states that because the lock-up " " is not common in an uphill or downhill attitude, the noncompliance issue is centered on the lateral attitude—when the vehicle is parked with one side of the vehicle substantially higher than the other." Further, "[e]ven in this case, the retractor on the lower, downhill side will always operate properly." Honda believes that the noncompliance occurring on the uphill side should pose no problem in installing a child safety seat in the rear seat.

It states that when the noncompliant vehicle is parked on a lateral incline, there are two compliant rear seating positions to install the seat: The center and lower outboard position, both of which can be accessed from the lower, downhill side. Because the downhill side is nearest the curb, out of traffic, and therefore safer than the higher, uphill side, it is the most convenient and the most likely to be used by the parent. Honda also believes on a steep incline it would be more difficult for a parent to lean downward into the car to install a child seat. Honda has recommended the rear center position for infant and toddler child seating in its owner's manuals, starting with the 1992 models.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the appeal of Honda, described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that six copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The appeal and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the appeal is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: May 2, 1994.

(15 U.S.C. 1417; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 49 CFR 501.8)

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Barry Felrice,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

March 25, 1994.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96-511. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

OMB Number: 1512-0215.

Form Number: ATF F 5110.75 and ATF REC 5110/10.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Alcohol Fuel Plants (AFP) Records, Reports and Notices.

Description: Data is necessary (1) to determine that persons are qualified to produce alcohol for fuel purposes and to identify such persons, (2) to account for distilled spirits produced and verify its proper disposition and (3) keep registrations current and evaluate permissible variations from prescribed procedures.

Respondents: Farms, Businesses or other for-profit, Small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,218.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,218 hours.

Clearance Officer: Robert N. Hogarth, (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226.

OMB Reviewer: Milo Sunderhauf, (202) 395-6880, Office of Management

and Budget, room 3001, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Financial Management Service

OMB Number: 1510-0033.

Form Number: POD Form 1672.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application of Undertaker for Payment of Federal Expenses From Funds to the Credit of a Deceased Depositor.

Description: This form is used by the undertaker to apply for payment of the postal savings account of a deceased depositor to apply to the funeral expenses. This form is supported by a certificate from a relative (POD 1600) and an itemized funeral bill. Payment is made to the funeral home instead of the heir.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, Other (as needed).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 13 hours.

Clearance Officer: Jacqueline R. Perry, (301) 344-8577, Financial Management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, MD 20785.

OMB Reviewer: Milo Sunderhauf, (202) 395-6880, Office of Management and Budget, room 3001, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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